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(MDB)

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IN COURSE OF RADM KILCLINE'S FAREWELL CALL ON DEFENSE
SECRETARY ENRILE DECEMBER 13, ENRILE MADE SEVERAL
COMMENTS ON MDB. RADM KILCLINE'S REPORT OF CONVERSATION
IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE. IN RESPONSE TO MY COMMENT
ON USEFULNESS OF MDB, HE (ENRILE) RESPONDED THAT WE MAY
BE ABLE TO USE THE MDB AND THAT HE WAS HAVING THE USES
STUDIED. AS WE DISCUSSED THE PRESENT MARCOS-NEWSOM
TALKS AND THE PRESENTATION OF DELIMITED CHARTS (OCCURRING
AT SAME TIME AS OUR CALL), WE AGAIN RETURNED TO USE OF MDB.
HE RESPONDED THAT, OF COURSE, THE MDB WAS LIMITED AS IT
COULD NOT ADDRESS AND RESOLVE SUBJECTS OF POLITICAL INTEREST
OR SUBSTANCE. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE APPROACH
HE WAS WORKING ON CONSISTED OF THE PRESENT
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WHICH MIGHT HAVE DND PARTICIPATION
WITH ANOTHER, NEW LEVEL OF CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION UNDER
THE COUNCIL AND OVER THE MDB. WHERE THE COUNCIL IS LED BY
SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND U.S. SECSTATE, THIS NEW
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LEVEL WOULD BE LED BY AN OFFICIAL IN DFA AND US AMBASSADOR.
DND WOULD HAVE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION AT THIS LOWER
LEVEL, BUT BECAUSE POLITICAL ISSUES WERE TO BE DISCUSSED
OR RESOLVED, IT MUST STILL BE LED BY DFA. THE MDB WAS THE
TECHNICAL LEVEL WHERE PURELY MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS COULD
BE ADDRESSED. END QUOTE.
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